on a case to case basis and funds are provided depending upon the availability of funds and justification of the proposal.

The decision to vacate frequency spectrum from time to time for cellular operators is made after ensuring that the Defence requirements are fully met keeping in view the demand for such spectrum from the cellular operators.

Terrorism on the high seas

†91D. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that personnel of Indian navy are constantly apprehensive about terrorism on the high seas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to deal with it?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard carry out regular surveillance and patrolling in the Indian territorial waters to check maritime terrorism, illegal immigration, smuggling, and security of Indian offshore installations.

Grounding of Dhruv

911. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force have decided to ground the entire fleet of Dhruv, the indigenously developed Advance Light Helicopter;

(b) what technical faults if any, about its maneuverability or otherwise have been detected in the practical use of this helicopter; and

(c) how many cases of crash of this type of helicopter are under review or examination in this context, and the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.